

Letter from Clair C. Doren, U. S. S. Vermont, to The True Northerner dated from "Somewhere at Sea."

I have intended to thank you for sending me the paper for some time, but as these are rather busy times I have neglected to do so. I certainly have appreciated it for of all things most welcome after a long time at sea are the letters from home and the home town paper. I think one will find more varieties of newspapers on board a battleship than any place else in the world. We have a great variety of food to, but the ship's cooks mix it all together and have named it stew.

Nearly every one has heard quite a lot about the army, in fact nearly every one is in it, so I want to tell you a little of the navy. Judging from some of the questions that have been asked me by the civilian people, sailors are to be studied. Here are a few facts. We are men even though we do our own cooking, sewing and scrub our own clothes. We sleep in hammocks and in a heavy sea sometimes get sea sick. We understand English, although we get very little opportunity to use it. We enjoy ham and eggs, but generally eat beans. We have more bosses than the Tammany Ring in New York, but we always have our work done. Our sports are many, coaling ship, shooting craps, working off extra duty and dodging the boatswain's mate. We have a black cat for a mascot and the land is the jinx. The main source of enjoyment is equally divided between the mess tables and the player piano on the starboard side of the main deck. Indoor sports—getting away with murder.

I have been in the navy nearly three years and never met a navy man who would admit he was a militia man or a patriot. Everybody ships for their beans in the man's navy.

As for the war, we know we are going to win and are now trying to prove it for the benefit of the Kaiser and the peace advocates. Every man in the navy is back of Uncle Sam to the end, and with our spirits and morale we can't lose. I have seen parts of nearly every army or navy

in the world, and ours is the best cared for of all. We only want a chance to prove it. With noble England, brave France and Spirited America who can doubt our success? Kindest regards to all my friends in Paw Paw.

Letter from Sergeant Jesse A. Lamson, to The True Northerner, dated Headquarters Co. 119th, F. A. A. E. F. from "Somewhere in France"

As I have been in France for some time now, I thought perhaps you would be interested to know how things stand over here.

To begin with I will not write what I am doing or anything pertaining to military affairs for the Censor would simply cut it out or else throw the letter in the waste basket.

The conditions over here are good. The climate now is about the same as Michigan weather is about the last of May, so you see we do not suffer from the cold. We are fed good, but candy and fruit is very scarce. Chocolate candy is mostly in demand.

The main excitement is when the mail comes in. We did not receive any mail for about a month but now it comes once a week. I cannot picture to you the anxiety of the fellows waiting for mail, and then, if the letter did not come he turns away with a sigh, and continues doing his duty as a soldier, but not with the same spirit as he would had he received a letter.

I received two copies of the True Northerner last week, dated February 15th, and 22nd. I guess I read every line in them and so did a number of my comrades. Reading material is very scarce and a few good magazines would be appreciated.

And now to come to the last point, when a fellow does not receive a letter he can find comfort in a good smoke, but that is another thing that is scarce. Some of the fellows brought cigarettes and tobacco with them but that is giving out, and the question is, where can we get more? Matches are so very scarce I do not know what one looks like.

And now to bring this letter to its

direct meaning. (We) my comrades and I are in need of the aforesaid articles and if I have any friends in the "Old Home Town" I hope this will bring results.

THE WAR PREPAREDNESS BOARD SEED CORN

Seed Corn is now ready for distribution and detailed information about same can be secured by calling at my office or calling my telephone. (No. 359) between the hours of 9:00 A. M. and 12:00 noon, or 1:00 P. M. to 3:30 P. M.

W. C. Eckard
County Agent.

PRIZE THRIFT STAMP STORY

The pupils throughout the schools from Grades four to twelve inclusive have been writing short speeches having to do with the Thrift Stamp. Mrs. Rennie judged those written by the seventh grade and the one following written by Margaret Root, daughter of Commissioner and Mrs. E. V. Root, was awarded first place.

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There are over thirty-five million children in the United States under the age of sixteen and if each one would buy just one stamp it would amount to over eight million dollars. Think what it would mean if each one would buy a W. S. S. Does this not help a great deal and don't you think it would be worth doing?

This would be a children's crusade which would really help to win the war.

It is said that the United States is the most wasteful country in the world, and we are forced to believe it. We are all very fond of luxuries.

We children eat candy until we ruin our teeth and digestion and chew gum until we ruin our teacher's disposition. We like expensive toys and think that we must go to the Movies two or three times a week. If we do not buy luxuries we are letting the men who are making these things become soldiers or make something useful for the government which we are very much in need of now.

We can hinder by eating luxuries meat and white bread. Of course we do not have to go without these entirely, but we must save for the men in the trenches need things to make them strong, and to do this great work. We do not need to say much as no one is going to hinder, but help.

There are a great many ways that we can help as by saving, by working in Surgical Dressing rooms, by knitting at home, by buying U. S. Liberty Bonds and Thrift Stamps.

Don't forget that this is your war, and its my war, and it takes your money and my money to win it.

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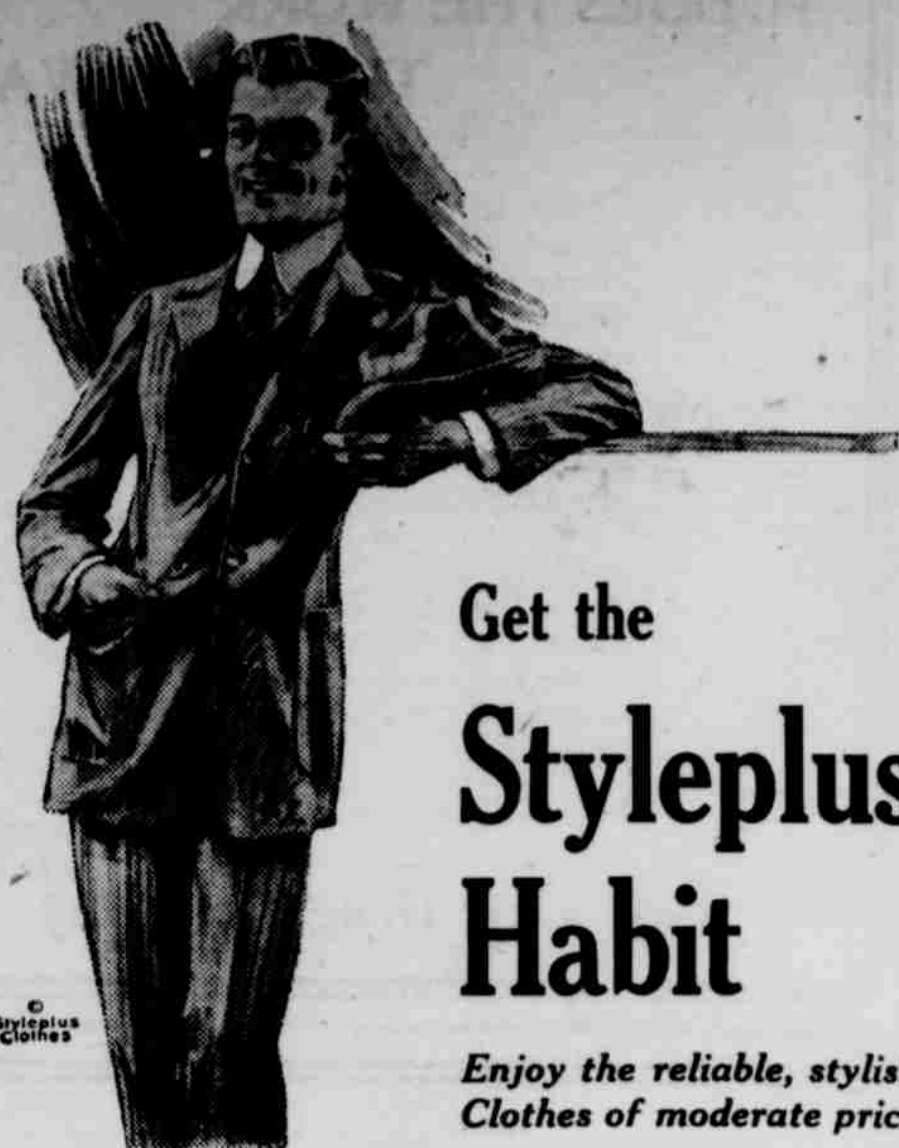
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